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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 148
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A RESOLUTION To create a special joint committee to perform a comprehensive analysis of methadone and its usage and to study the location of methadone treatment facilities in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Recent attempts to create, expand or otherwise locate additional methadone treatment facilities near residential areas in Tennessee have been met with widespread opposition by area residents and community groups; and

WHEREAS, Methadone treatment is a matter of serious concern and merits extensive study by this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to perform a comprehensive analysis of methadone and its usage and to study the location of methadone treatment facilities in Tennessee.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall study the availability and the individual and societal benefits and costs of methadone and methadone treatment facilities, as well as the efficacy and efficiency of governmental efforts to monitor, control and regulate the usage of methadone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall also study the efficacy and efficiency of methadone treatment facilities in Tennessee. Such study shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, a thorough examination of issues pertaining to treatment procedures, patient monitoring, provider regulation, and community safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Second General Assembly no later than February 1, 2002, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.